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ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON SUPPORTING STUDENTS TO PURSUE THEIR PASSIONS

(BOISE) – The Advanced Opportunities Conference is focused on equipping secondary and post-secondary educators with the most current best practices surrounding academic advising, student readiness, and career/college program expansion as students are encouraged to pursue their passion beyond high school. This effort is aligned with the State Board of Education's goal for 60% of Idahoans to attain a postsecondary degree or certificate.

The conference goals are as follows:

- Equip participants to leverage local and national tools and best practices available to broaden access to post-secondary education
- Provide participants with resources to maximize their effectiveness in post-secondary planning for students
- Expand participants' rolodex of 'lifelines' for career and academic advising and program utilization

The conference will take place at the **Red Lion Downtowner in downtown Boise on August 8th and 9th** and will feature Dr. James Applegate, Executive Director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education as well as Professor Terrell L. Strayhorn, Director of Educational Studies at the College of Education and Human Ecology at Ohio State University.

For more information about the Advanced Opportunities Conference, please visit <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/student-engagement/advanced-ops/conference.html> or contact Jeff Church at (208) 332-6934 or by email at jchurch@sde.idaho.gov.

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